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Deaconess Sleeps 225 Guests During Blizzard

None of us will ever forget the great blizzards of this March, and for many people, the storms will always be associated with the spirit of the Deaconess Hospital.

Letters of appreciation and grateful thanks are still being received from the 225 stranded motorists who found haven here on the night of Friday, March 16. On the following Monday night, over 125 personnel of the hospital stayed all night because they were unable to get home, or because they wanted to help out in short-handed departments — dietary and nursing.

On Friday night, Mr. Lowry directed Operation Blizzard from the desk in the lobby as soon as it became evident that it would be an all-night operation. It wasn't until 5:30 A. M. Saturday that the last persons had been rescued out of the storm.

The last arrivals were officials of the Rhode Island Blue Cross and they slept on couches in the lobby — after spending five hours getting here from downtown.

By this time, all beds, mattresses and stretchers were in use. Deaconess personnel took naps on chairs and on the floor.

We had 300 patients to care for. Eight patients were kept in the recovery room

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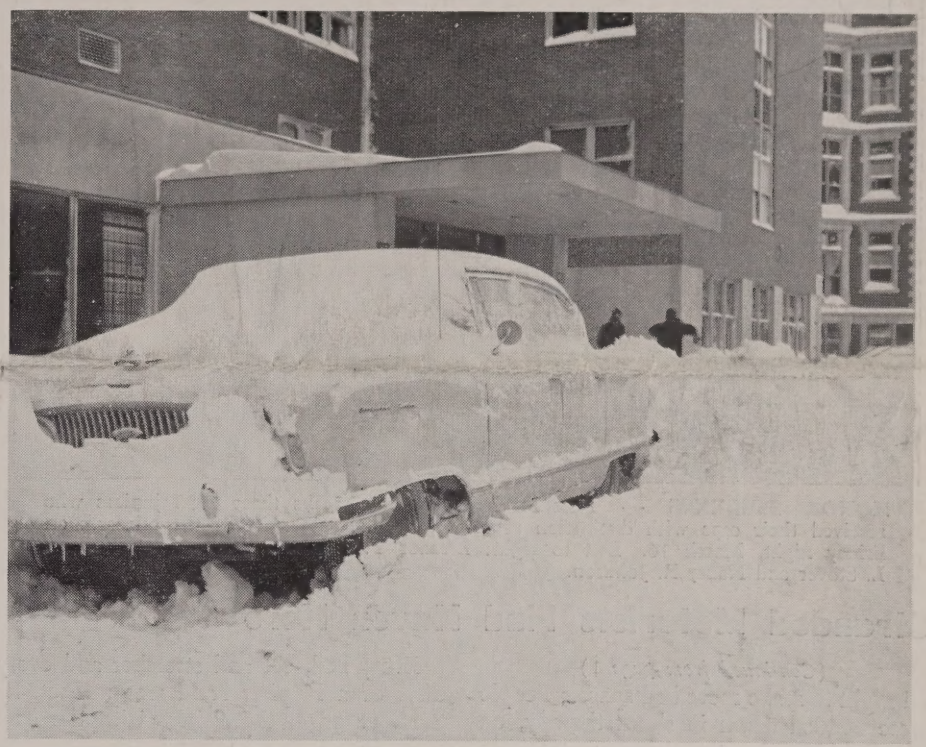

REMEMBER? — The two figures in the background could be any of us who plowed through drifts, became marooned or lost our cars under snow drifts during the now historic March blizzards.

Application Made to Use Ford Funds For New Building

The Deaconess has made application to the Ford Foundation to use the Foundation grant of $159,600 toward construction of a building that would house new laundry and maintenance facilities and provide housing for residents and interns, it is announced by Mr. Lowry.

The new laundry and shops would be located on the first floor of the proposed building. The second floor would have living quarters for residents and interns.

The building would be erected beside the Deaconess Building, fronting on Pilgrim Road.

The first payment from the grant is expected to be made in July.

INTERN, RESIDENCY PROGRAM APPROVED

First House Officers are Expected Here by July 1

The Deaconess Hospital intern and residency program under study by a special committee for over two years has been approved by the hospital trustees.

Robert D. Lowry, executive director, in making the announcement, said that within two years it is expected that the Deaconess will have a total of six interns and 10 to 12 residents.

By the first of July of this year, the first four surgical residents will be in training here. "By a year from July we hope to have eight to ten residents of our own," added Mr. Lowry.

The new teaching program will make obsolete the affiliated training program under which we have been supplied with surgical residents by the Peter Bent Brigham and the Boston City hospitals.

Establishment of our own intern and residency program will afford obvious advantages to our patients, the medical staff and the nursing service.

Commented Mr. Lowry:

"The need for our own house officers program has become more urgent in the past two years because of the large increase in the number of critically ill patients. We now have an average of 20 to 25 patients on the critically ill list. A year ago the average number of patients was about 15, and two years ago, 12.

"This new program will improve the care of our patients, relieve the nursing staff of some of its present responsibility and be an added service to our medical staff.

"The program is a major step in the continued growth of our hospital."

Dr. Roger C. Graves has been chairman of the special committee on an intern and residency program since its inception. Other committee members are:

Drs. Francis Ingersoll, John B. McKittrick, Melvin P. Osborne, Hollis L. Albright, Ernest M. Daland, John R. Brooks, C. Cabell Bailey and Francis Au-

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HONOR STUDENTS — Miss Mildred B. Newton caps three 1958 juniors who received their caps with distinction at ceremonies held, in spite of the blizzard, on Friday night, March 16. Left to right: Eleanor T. Hongisto; Miss Newton; Janet L. Stover and Nancy R. Johnson.

Stranded Motorists Find Haven Here

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all night to make more bed space. People were bedded down in shock therapy, on x-ray tables, in the basal metabolism room, in the electrocardiograph room and even in the sub-basement room that houses the two-million volt x-ray machine!

They were also sleeping on mattresses on the floors of CRI.

Approximately 50 people were absorbed in Harris Hall, in the nursing arts classroom and by doubling up students.

Capping exercises scheduled for Friday night were held as planned and the few parents who ploughed through the drifts to attend stayed in Harris Hall for the night. Dr. Cook gave the capping address, because the scheduled speaker was snowbound elsewhere.

Some of the newly-capped 1958 juniors went to work immediately after they had been capped and with other students, worked much of the night.

Housekeeping volunteers worked tirelessly at the job of setting up and making up beds.

A brightly lighted coffee shop greeted the grateful motorists as they came into the Central Lobby. Volunteers from the Messenger Service opened the Coffee Shop. Volunteers from the Dietary Department and other departments staffed the cafeteria, serving hot meals and coffee, and in the morning all who wanted it had breakfast here.

Every bed, cot and stretcher and every offer of a helping hand was utilized by the Deaconess that night with the best possible outcome. We successfully found places to sleep for 225 unexpected guests.

Laundry crews worked both Saturday and Sunday to clean up the resulting linen confusion.

To all who had a hand in Operation Blizzard, we say — well done!

Steak or Lobster For Bowlers on May 31

The 1955-56 bowling season officially ends on May 3, but the best will be yet to come.

Bowlers will again gather for a catered picnic, similar to last year's picnic, to celebrate a successful year. The picnic will be held at Houghton's Pond on Thursday night, May 31. As was the case last year, there will be a menu choice of steak or lobster!

In case of rain, the picnic will be held on Thursday, June 7.

The awarding of trophies to the winning team and high individual scorers will take place at the picnic.

Mr. William Worcester, chairman of bowling this year, announces that the League will have 12 teams again next year and that bowling will again be on Thursday nights.

RECORD CLASS OF 74 WILL BE GRADUATED BY NURSING SCHOOL

Dr. Carl S. Ell To Speak; Dr. Shields Warren Will Give Charge To Class

Seventy-four members of the class of 1956 — the largest graduating class in the history of the School of Nursing — will receive their diplomas at exercises to be held at John Hancock Hall on Tuesday night, May 15.

Dr. Carl S. Ell, president of Northeastern University and a long-time member of the Deaconess Corporation, will give the graduation address. The charge to the graduates will be by Dr. Shields Warren.

Bishop John Wesley Lord, president of the hospital corporation, will preside at the exercises. Miss Mildred B. Newton, director of the School of Nursing, will briefly address the graduates and present the honor awards.

Robert D. Lowry, executive director, will award the diplomas to the graduates. The invocation for the exercises will be by Chaplain Rudolph Samuelson.

A reception for the graduates and their guests will follow the exercises, in the Dorothy Quincy Suite.

The Baccalaureate service will be held on Sunday, May 13, at 8:30 P. M. in the Daniel Marsh Chapel of Boston University. Dr. Robert Andree, headmaster of the Brookline High School, will give the baccalaureate sermon.

Other graduation week activities will include the formal dance and reception to the graduating class by the Student-Faculty Association, to be held at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel Friday night, May 18, at 8:30 P. M.

On Friday night, May 25, members of the graduating class will be guests of alumnae of the Nursing School at Deaconess Night at the Pops.

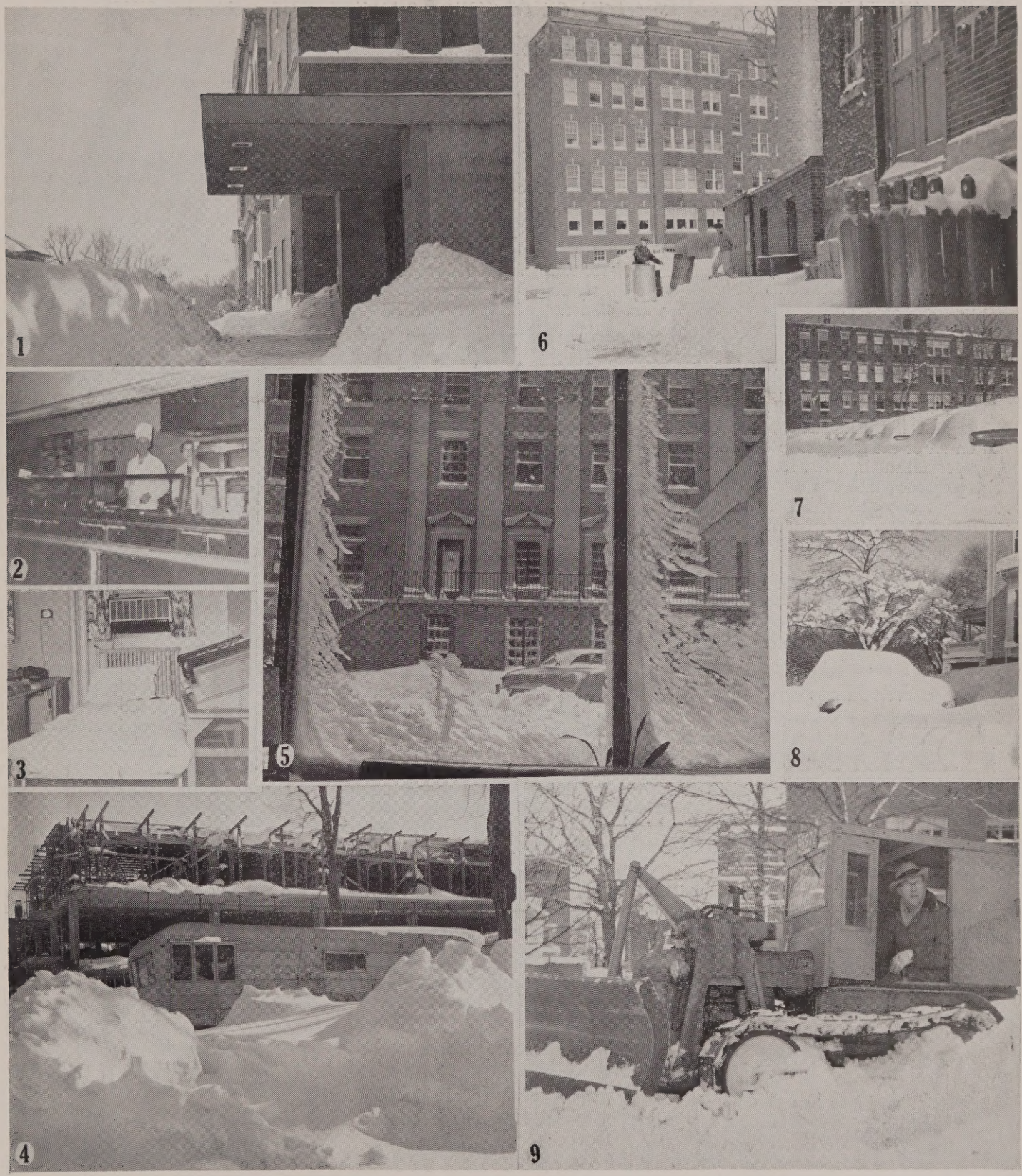
Church Women Make Supplies For NEDH

The Deaconess has many new piles of hand-sewn supplies, thanks to the women of the Newtonville Methodist Church.

Mrs. Margery Homer, director of volunteers, reports that the women of the church devoted five sewing meetings to our needs. They made 470 articles for our supply closets — dressing covers, blood pressure cuffs, blinders and bed pan covers.

Mrs. Earl Atkinson is chairman of the sewing group. To her and to all of her workers, thank you.

THE DEACONESS AND THE GREAT BLIZZARDS



1. On Tuesday morning after blizzard number two, the entrance to the Central Building looked like this. 2. Milt Nelson and Louise Seymour were among the many volunteers who staffed the cafeteria and helped serve meals for patients on Monday night, March 19. 3. Charlie Schraub's office at 10:00 P. M. Monday night. 4. View of Hospital Teaching Clinic from a snow bank. 5. View of Harris Hall from Personnel Office. 6. Carrying on in spite of Mother Nature (note snow-bound oxygen tanks at right). 7. Automobiles? 8. Trouble for a commuter. 9. The busiest man in the world — Al Baker of Maintenance with his snow plow.

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National Hospital Week

The week of May 6 to 12 will be National Hospital Week this year.

During the week, attention will be focused on all of the hospitals in the country by proclamations, news stories, television programs, movie shorts and programs in our hospitals. This is a good time for you to interest your friends in the Deaconess and the vital work we do here.

You'll be hearing more about our "week" from our bulletin boards. In the meantime, why not get ready to tell the Deaconess story to everyone who asks you about your hospital?

Weddings

Dorothy Gilman, EKG technician, to Lloyd Kruzan in February. Mr. Kruzan is a navy career man. Mrs. Kruzan will join him in France this June.

Mary MacRitchie to Clifton Jewett on April 7 at the United Presbyterian Church, Newton. Mrs. Jewett is a nurse at the Deaconess and a captain in the Army Reserve Nurse Corps.

Gertrude Frances Markert to Joel Allan Woodard on March 31. They were married in the Wesley Methodist Church in Amherst. They will live in Buzzards Bay.

Jeannette Florence Russell, class of '55, to Willard Myron Wing on March 24 at the First Baptist Church in Wakefield. Mr. Wing is now associated with Strout & Wing, Realtors.

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din; Dr. Lyman H. Hoyt, representing the General Medical Staff; Dr. Howard F. Root, representing the Joslin Clinic; Dr. Herbert D. Adams, representing the Lahey Clinic; Dr. Francis M. Woods, representing the Overholt Thoracic Clinic; Dr. William A. Meissner, representing Pathology; Dr. Mirle A. Kellett, representing Radiology, and Mr. Lowry, representing the administration.

Dr. Lyman H. Hoyt, Champion Sprinter, Is Man of Many Achievements and Interests

(This is the third and final article in a series about the members of the staff who have just completed a term of service on the Medical Administrative Board.)

Dr. Lyman H. Hoyt helped a University of Iowa dash relay team sprint its way to a world's record in his college days and since then he has been engaged in another type of sprinting — from one distinguished medical role to another.

His most recent accomplishments have been three years of service as a member of the Deaconess Medical Administrative Board and a three-year term as physician-in-chief of the hospital. He is now chairman of the intern and residency program for the General Medical Section.

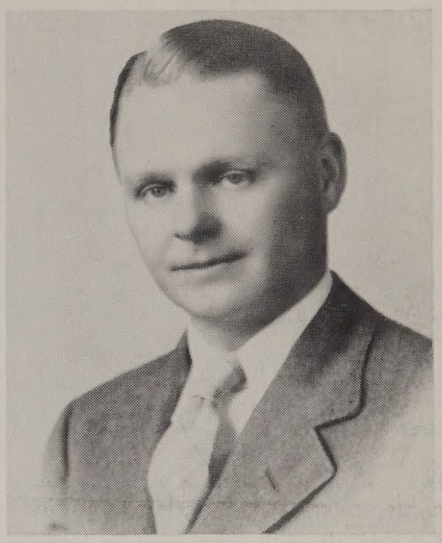
Although he is noted for his quiet and unassuming manner, Dr. Hoyt is a man of action in many fields. His medical career began at the University of Iowa Medical School, from which he was graduated in 1925. He interned at the University Hospital in Iowa City and then came East for four years of experience in internal medicine at the Peter Bent Brigham.

As an assistant resident, a junior associate in medicine and then an associate in medicine, he was in charge of the hospital's metabolism laboratory, did work in the thyroid and renal clinics and worked with the late Dr. E. Stanley Emery in the gastrointestinal clinic. Other men with whom he studied during this period included Dr. Henry A. Christian, Dr. Cyrus Sturgis and Dr. James P. O'Hare. During this time he taught at the Harvard Medical School.

In 1929 Dr. Hoyt became associated with the late Dr. Harry W. Goodall and at the same time began his long association with the Deaconess.

A life-time sailing enthusiast who likes to cruise around Mt. Desert Island in Maine and race at Hingham, Dr. Hoyt naturally chose the Navy and sea duty during World War II. He volunteered for the Navy Medical Corps in 1942 and was assigned to the hospital ship U.S.S. Relief, where he served as chief of medicine.

After a year and a half in the Pacific, he was returned to the States to head the dispensary and serve as senior medical officer at the Marine, and later, Naval Station at Edenton, N. C. He was separated from the Navy with the rank of Commander at the end of the war.



Dr. Lyman H. Hoyt

Dr. Hoyt now has a new sea-going project underway — an auxiliary yawl, for vacation-time cruises.

He has also been an enthusiastic skier as well as a sprinter. Dr. Hoyt sprinted in both high school and college and if you could persuade him to show them to you, he could display an array of trophies and medals he won during his sprinting days. It should be noted that the Hoyt family boasts more than one world record holder. A cousin, Charles "Chuck" Hoyt, former track coach at Michigan University and Yale, holds several world dash records.

In his home community of Brookline, Dr. Hoyt also has very active interests. He has just completed a six-year term on the parish committee of the First Parish Church, the last three years as chairman.

Dr. and Mrs. Hoyt have two children, both of whom are members of the teaching profession. Their son, George, teaches in the Woodstock Country School in Vermont and their daughter, Mary Joann, in a private school, Fieldston, in New York City. Mrs. Lyman H. Hoyt is a new member of the board of the Friends of the Deaconess.

Dr. Hoyt is a member of the American Medical Association, a fellow of the American College of Physicians and a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine. In the Massachusetts Medical Society he is a member of the finance committee and a councilor for Suffolk County.

His present offices are at 51 Bay State road, where he has been joined by Dr. George E. MacDonald.

REPORT ON HIGH VOLTAGE CANCER THERAPY

By Dr. Joseph H. Marks

I am sure that everyone who is even remotely connected with the New England Deaconess Hospital is aware of the fact that it has been somewhat of a struggle to gather together sufficient funds to pay for our two-million volt x-ray therapy machine and the room in which it is housed, in addition to financing our new Central Building.

I am pleased to be able to report that the machine will very shortly be completely paid for and that our collective conscience may thus rest somewhat more easily. The final payment will be made possible as a result of the sale of a portion of our radium which has been little used during recent years.

It is likewise a pleasure to be able to report that the machine has not missed a single treatment day since March of 1955. This is a rather unusual record for high voltage therapy machines, and we believe it justifies our original selection of this particular type of machine.

The machine is relatively simple to operate and its output is constant within approximately two percent. This constancy of output is of interest to us for clinical therapy and it is of even greater interest to our research group, which occasionally uses the machine for experimental work.

Since the machine was first put into operation, in June of 1954, we have treated a total of 300 patients and have given to those patients a total of 6237 treatments.

Some months ago there was a short account in THE PULSE concerning a little girl from California who had been treated because of a metastatic lesion in one lung, and who appeared to do very nicely as a result of those treatments. We are sorry to report that she has since died of other metastatic lesions in the lungs.

One other youngster still appears to be doing very well slightly more than one year following x-ray treatments for a metastatic lesion in the root of one lung and originating in a primary bone tumor. We sincerely hope that he may continue to do well.

We have had the opporounity to treat a small number of elderly patients with cancers in the upper esophagus and are pleased to report that they are doing unusually well. Several of these patients have already gone approximately one year since their treatments were given.

Patients with cancer originating in the region of the tonsil have also done extremely well; and although the dose given for cure of their tumor was necessarily large, they show almost no damage in adjacent uninvolved tissues even after periods of approximately one year.

This lesser degree of damage is of great interest to us because we have been able to cure a relatively large number of patients with cancer of the tonsil in previous years with our lower voltage machines. Unfortunately, all of those patients subsequently showed evidence of at least some degree of damage of skin and other uninvolved tissues.

Our results in treatment of a rather large group of cases of cancer of the lung have been very much less encouraging and although we believe that we have given benefit in the nature of palliation to a relatively large number of these patients, we have so far been unable to accomplish an actual cure. It must, of course, be noted that all of the patients who were subjected to x-ray treatment had already been carefully studied and had been shown to be incurable by surgery. Palliation is therefore of some benefit although cure may not be accomplished.

We have also treated a relatively large group of patients with Hodgkin's disease and other lymphomas and are pleased to be able to report that treatment may be given to relatively large areas with very much smaller degrees of radiation sickness and subsequent damage than was previously possible with our lower voltage machines.

We are well aware of the fact that our experiences with treatment with this high voltage machine are of short duration, and although we recognize that the problems are frequently discouraging, we believe nevertheless that the benefits which are being obtained are well worth the high original cost of the machine.

Bowling Scores

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Team No. and Captain		*Points*
4	Mr. Emery	77
3	Mr. Sabine	73
7	Mr. Lowry	73
5	Mr. Osgood	70
1	Miss Pond	63
6	Mr. Fisher	62
9	Mr. Bettinelli	58
10	Mr. Millsaps	45
2	Mr. Nelson	41
12	Mr. Adams	40
11	Miss Greto	38
8	Mr. Spalding	32

Dr. Daland Receives Cancer Society Citation

Dr. Ernest M. Daland

Dr. Ernest M. Daland, surgeon and clinician whose chief interest has been cancer for many years, was awarded the 1956 citation of the Massachusetts Division, American Cancer Society, at a recent luncheon opening the 1956 Cancer Crusade.

The presentation of the award was made by Dr. Shields Warren, recipient of the American Cancer Society Medal in 1950.

Dr. Daland was honored for his important contribution to the control of cancer. A former president of the Massachusetts Division of the society, Dr. Daland is also editor of the American Cancer Society's manual for practitioners.

In addition to his staff work at the Deaconess, he is chief of staff at the Pondville Hospital and a member of the consultative staff of the Massachusetts General Hospital.

The Cancer Crusade this year is seeking to raise $1,250,000 in Massachusetts during the month of April.

High Singles April 12	
Rose Baron	94
Dick Fabello	111
High Singles for Year	
Rita Greto	115
Hugh McFarland	130
High 3-String for the Year	
Mary MacRitchie	286
Don Lowry	314
High Average for the Year	
Elena Palmieri	83
Don Lowry	94.8
Charlie Schraub	94.5

81 BAY STATE ROAD — Among the pictures Dr. Root will show to his South American audiences is this new photo of the entire staff of the Joslin Clinic at 81 Bay State Road and members of the Deaconess Joslin Office. These people will be our new neighbors when the Hospital Teaching Clinic is completed.

Engagements

Mary E. Bennett to Warren Scamman. Miss Bennett is a medical technician in our Chemistry Laboratory. A June wedding is planned.

Roberta Conway, class of '50, to Robert B. Blair. Miss Conway is assistant supervisor of the Roxbury Visiting Nurse Association. The couple will be married this fall.

Shirley A. Eaton, class of '55, to John A. Klindt. Mr. Klindt is studying for his master's degree at Andover Newton School of Theology. They will wed in June.

Elizabeth J. Gamble, class of '54, to Fred LaMarr Pettingill. Miss Gamble is on the staff of the Cordova Community Hospital in Cordova, Alaska. An early summer wedding is planned.

Helen Germundson of the Hematology Lab, to William C. Bartlett. They will be married on June 2.

Judith Hawkes, class of '55, to John Grocott. An August wedding is planned.

Dorothy Newton of the Nursing Service to Gilbert LeBlanc. Mr. LeBlanc is employed by the General Electric Company in Lynn. A June wedding is planned.

SALVATION ARMY DRIVE

The 1956 Friendly Appeal of the Salvation Army will open on April 23 and close on May 30. Mr. Lowry is chairman for the hospital. The Salvation Army is seeking $579,000 this year for its well-known work among the poor, the unfortunate and the disaster-stricken.

Helen Elizabeth Robbins, class of '55, to Randall Lee Gibson, III. Miss Robbins is employed in the office of Dr. Arthur K. Smith. They will be married June 23.

Ruth Harriet Taylor to Bruce William Purdy. Miss Taylor, class of '50, is now working at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. A May wedding is planned.

Marjorie Jean Wilkins, '56 senior, to Richard Browning Rogers. Mr. Rogers is employed by the Barnes Engineering Company.

Helen Wolchok, '56 senior, to Joseph DeGrenier. No date has been set for the wedding.

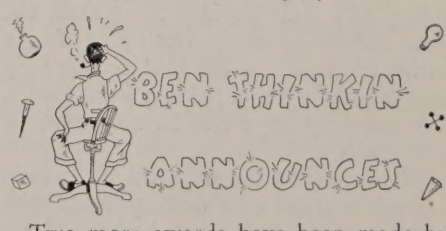
Barbara York, Public Relations director, to Donald W. Linscott of Manchester, N. H. Mr. Linscott is an engineer with the Manchester Gas Company. A June wedding is planned.

Dr. Root To Lecture In South America

Dr. Howard F. Root, director of the Joslin Clinic, leaves for a medical lecture tour of four South American countries on Sunday, April 29.

Pictures and slides of the Joslin Clinic and the Deaconess will be among the illustrations to be viewed by his South American audiences.

Dr. Root will be the guest of the President of the National Institute of Nutrition in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He will also lecture in Brazil, Uruguay and Chile.



Two more awards have been made by the suggestion system committee.

Awards of $5 have been made to Mrs. Jeanette C. Miller of the Nursing Department for her suggestion about removal of a shelf and to Ralph A. De Bernado of Pathology for an idea about interdepartmental mail envelopes.